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Dysentery in Ponnani taluk

* 2309 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was an attack of dysentery in an epidemic form in Nattika firka in Ponnani taluk, Malabar, in April-May 1955;

(b) if so, how many attacks there were;

(c) how many died; and

(d) what steps were taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) There were 3,756 attacks of dysentery in April and May 1955.

" (c) Eighty-four persons died in the same period.

" (d) The measures taken by the Government in the matter were the posting of additional Public Health Staff, diversion of motor vehicles for the quick movement of staff and equipment, distribution of sulphaguanidine, formo cibasol, ferrous sulphate and multi-vitamin tablets and milk powder, chlorination of water sources, spraying of D.D.T. and the deputation of a mobile medical unit for affording medical relief."

* 2310 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that dysentery is prevalent in Nattika firka in Ponnani taluk, South Malabar;

(b) how many people died on account of this disease; and

(c) the preventive and relief measures taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Dysentery was prevalent in the Nattika firka during April to July 1955.

" (b) 100 persons died on account of the disease up to 27th July 1955.

" (c) The measures taken by the Government in the matter were the posting of additional Public Health staff, diversion of motor vehicles for the quick movement of staff and equipment, distribution of sulphaguanidine, formo cibasol, ferrous sulphate and multi-vitamin tablets and milk powder, chlorination of water sources, spraying of D.D.T. and the deputation of a mobile medical unit for affording medical relief."